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For Christmas

Would you taste the sweetest joy of Christmas? Then make glad the heart of a child.. For where children are, there is the Spirit of Christmas. "For such as these", Christmas is the embodiment of all that abideth. And he who keeps Christmas with childhood, walks with faith : : In faith, "Dear Santa" is scrawled by tiny fingers. In hope, little stockings are hung by the chimney with care. And love makes childhood's dreams come true : : The magic touch of Christmas makes children of us all. It leads us to the very heart of the Day of Days. Through childhood's eye do we behold its eternal beauty : :

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Evening, December 15th

Operatic Cantata by The Peoples Church Choir, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 16th

Woman's Club
Class in World Affairs, 11:00 a.m.—Christmas Program, 1:00 p.m.
Men's Club Christmas Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Friday Evening, December 20th

Annual Christmas Program of the Church School, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday. December 22nd

Two Beautiful Services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening, December 22nd
and
Monday Evening, December 23rd

Annual Candle Light Service, with Christmas Play
by The Uptown Players

Monday Evening, December 23rd

Christmas Party of the Professional and Business Woman's Club

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

Annual Christmas Day Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Tuesday Evening, December 31st

Annual Watch Night Service, 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ALL OF THESE SERVICES

CHRISTMAS HAS COME AGAIN

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Again it is Christmastime. Store windows are filled with enchanting things—Holly wreaths and red ribbons hold sway for decorations. .There will be mysterious packages wrapped in fancy paper, and Christmas trees brilliant with tinsel and colored lights. Carols will be sung, and in churches and over radios we will hear the lovely familiar song "Silent night, Holy Night", and most of us will pause and wonder if it is "Silent Night" on the other side of the world—or are the sirens screeching their warning, and bombs falling, to shatter humanity and set property into flames as on every other night?

One hears the question everywhere: "What of Christmas? Will there be a Christmas this year? How can we have Christmas with war stalking the earth, with suffering, and sorrow and turmoil in nearly every nation? No one is happy—no one can be glad—no one feels gay!" All too sadly true! But remember, we have much to still be happy about in America—not because we are any better than others—but because we have been more fortunate. It seems to us there never was greater need for the Christmas Spirit to be demonstrated than at the present time—never greater need for Good Will—never more sincere prayer for Peace on Earth.

We we are going to wish you Peace, if not happiness—an upward look if not gaiety—an inner joy from helping others, if not merriment. The eternal hope for

"Peace on Earth
Good Will to Men"

Your Editors

Meditation

"Because, eternal Heart, so many people are finding it increasingly difficult to frame petitions upon their lips that would make articulate the longing of their hearts, so many people turning in anxiety and fear and hysteria and yet without confidence, so many people wondering if the extremity of life is, after all, the opportunity of God. People who are afraid and hesitant to even pray; people who cannot use the word 'God'; people who have been stricken with suffering, loss and grief, pain and anxiety, fear and turmoil, insecurity and helplessness, feel God has deserted and resigned from their lives, while whole nations have been battered into almost obliteration, until every good and beautiful thing is prostrated in dust which becomes red mud with tears and blood.

Infinite and Eternal, we covet as we have never coveted before in the depth of our petition and prayer, that we might be able to speak a word this day that will help those in such difficulty. Use us to be the medium, let us be the medium through which in the sanctity and sacredness of this great moment we might reflect that divine intelligence which would straighten out these difficulties about Thee and about them. Speak through thy servent, Lord, as Thou hast spoken in the past through those men and women who have tried to reflect Thy glory. Speak in the quiet stillness of Thy great voice, and even though it may be spoken quietly and powerfully, might it be heard above the roar of the world's hate, louder than the bombs bursting in their hissing way to earth, louder than the shrieks and cries of power-mad men, Thy power which finally is the eternal power.

This spirit, this consciousness, this understanding, might it be picked up on the the air waves this morning and go to every bedside and all of our friends and loved ones and members of this Church who are ill. May it be picked up and go to the men listening down in the penitentiary, may it be taken to the boys out at Hines tuned into this service. Take it everywhere, might this be Thy home in which Thy power shall have full realization, and finally in the affairs of men.

And always we ask it in the name of that voice and that spirit who reflected more of Thee than any man yet to live, so much did he reflect Thee that he was like Thee, and they called him Thy Son.

'Our Father, who are in heaven, etc'."

"HAS GOD RETIRED?"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago, October 20, 1940.

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"The Sunday morning addresses which I have been attempting since our Church opened this Fall and which I hope I shall be able to continue on during the winter as national and international affairs deepen in their significance to each one of us, have all come out of the fullness of my daily experiences and contacts with people rather than any effort to merely become philosophical in a speculative or theoretical sense. I feel that the opportunity which is presented here in this pulpit and this broadcast these times is one of almost unprecedented character and therefore we should not spend our time in anything which cannot be applied in the actual experiences of our daily lives. In other words, our religion here is not something which we put on in the dignity and formality of a Sunday Church Service, but something which we try to carry out and through into the activities of our mutual interests all during the week which is ahead of us.

We are all interested, in football these days. I spent my time between a funeral last Saturday afternoon and my evening engagement listening to football games on the radio, and yesterday afternoon I listened to one or two games and then in the evening to that remarkable testimonial given to that old friend and associate of mine, Fielding H. Yost. That teamwork, perhaps, would be as fine a thing for the American people to understand and appreciate today to a greater extent than ever before in our history, and no football game has ever yet been won by one man. He may have made a spectacular play and done something literally unusual and unknown in the game, but he never won the game alone, he never did, there was teamwork. I saw Red Grange make that dash that gave him his reputation in football, but never once did he win the game alone. It occurred to me when I was listening to the University of Wisconsin and the Northwestern games, I am not saying, because I have listeners both in Minnesota and Wisconsin, just where my prejudices are in that matter, but I want to assure you I have prejudices. What would happen to the accumulated result of the modern world if Europe had known, practiced and played such co-operative games? The youth of Europe have never played those kind of games. They have never played games of that type. I think that the psychological effect of baseball and football upon the American way and the American consciousness is one of the most wholesome things that has ever happened to the people of the United States. If the youth of Europe had had, for the past twenty-five years, instead of being regimented without any personal initiative or individual opportunity or co-operative enterprises, games with a social consciousness, instead of that they have been automatically trained in an environment which is conducive to just the tragedy which is taking place in Europe. All honor to the American spirit of playing games! All honor to football and baseball, and every other games that has a distinct psychological value in the American temperament and should be encouraged and preserved! Now, if there are some of you good orthodox Christians who cannot stand this sort of thing, you can tune off your radios or leave the auditorium, if you want to. Today we are facing a situation that gets directly back to all

of these influences that are contributing, stabilizing, unifying, integrating influences in the preservation of the decencies of human society, and probably there never has been a moment in the whole evolvement of the God idea when people have been more suspicious that the God in whom they have believed and trusted is an impotent God and cannot do anything about it all, and they are breaking down.

There are two distinct channels, one is the channel filled to overflowing with hunger, and misery, and anxiety, and the broken hearts of the world, trying to find their way to God, and the other is the channel of the materialism, atheism, denial, cynicism, disillusionment, gradually finding itself further and further away from God, until an intelligent, critical mind must make a new appraisal of the whole efficacy of something which we have thought of as God in the affairs of this modern world. People have a right to look up into the very highest consciousness which they can fathom and understand and straighten themselves out, if possible, on this subject of God. You remember the implications which Mr. H. G. Wells gave us not so many years ago when he spoke of his finite God and his conception of God in terms of the finite? No man yet ever experienced the reality which I think of as God by the mere processes of human reason. **God Is An Experience and Not a Mathematical Formula** and every effort to think of God quite apart from anything except the experimental knowledge of God, is utterly impossible. I think of this reality in terms of experience and not experiment. There are those who seek a knowledge of God because of their experimentalism, there are others who experience the reality of God through experience, and that experience and that experimentalism are two quite different approaches to this reality.

Now, the whole universe is asking: 'Where is God today? What has become of God?' Here we have spoken about a moral universe, a universe and cosmos in which moral rectitude was fundamental and basic, and all over our universe we have talked about the supremacy and perpetuity of moral law. We are in a universe where men punish men for murder but where the vipers and the disease germs live. Can we call God murderer? We live in a universe where innocency is being stricken and punished and when a man attacks the innocent in a civilized society that society maintains for him punishment. Innocence is dying in Europe. While these words are spoken, little children who know not wrong nor the implications of sin, their little brains are oozing out of ragged holes in their spongy skulls out of the death-dealing skies . . . where is God and what is God, and how powerful is God, if he can stand by and see these things that are happening?

It is now between five and six o'clock in the afternoon in Europe. A few hours ago in London, so my short wave speaker informed me a few moments before I came to this pulpit, there were people coming home from church; they had been to their House of Worship, they had been worshipping God, they had been praying prayers for peace and protection, in the heart of London a great church which I know and which many of you know, and in which I too have worshipped, those people left that church a few moments ago, and today in certain areas while I am speaking they are dead, and they are digging out their dead bit by bit and bone by bone, muscle by muscle, of a congregation that a few hours ago were praying to God! Where was God in London this morning that people addressing Him and worshipping Him and praying to Him were slain and slaughtered like animals? Is it any wonder that

people are asking these questions? Must those of us who believe in a certain philosophy of God run away from these questions?

I admit they are difficult, but I do not run away from them. I have developed a philosophy, an answer, an attitude, an experience about this whole problem that has been so dominant within me during these past weeks, aye, almost during this entire year, since a year ago last September, that I cannot refuse longer, before the reality of the problem, attempting to give to you my answer. I know that the whole question of the omnipotence of God is involved. I know that the ancient philosophers asked the question which few people who believe in God are heroically-minded enough to face. They would much rather not face the issue; they would much prefer to close their eyes and close their mouths and accept something called 'faith'; they would much prefer believing in God while they stand utterly unable and badly equipped to give a reason for the faith which is within them, and if God is ever to have an experimental revelation in self realization of the human soul, it will only come, and can only come when we weed our minds of the debris and accumulation of false thinking, and think of the question on the basis of intelligent, critical thinking.

I ask you a question: 'Can God be all good and all powerful at the same time?' 'If God is all good, is he all powerful?' 'Can God be all good and all powerful, and if he is all good and is all powerful, why does he not do something about the reign of hell which has settled down upon the earth?' If he could do it and does not do it, then I ask you is He all good? If you were God, ask yourselves the question, supposing you were God and you had all power and you were all good, what do you think you would do? Contrast the reactions of your decision as to what your conduct would be with the conduct of what is happening now. Already in Europe, and in Britain in particular, has broken out the most vicious form of 'air raid flu.' As the winter deepens and cold comes, pestilence and disease, famine, will sweep Europe, leaving in their wake revolution and death! Europe, win or lose, Britain or Germany, Russia or Japan, is almost on the verge of facing the greatest General of them all, General Hunger, who commands the batallions of revolution and disease.

I do not suggest this to alarm you, or those of you who have friends and loved ones in the old country. I look for bubonic plague to sweep Europe again, it is breaking now. Not a single person in these United States knows the whole truth of what is happening in Europe at this moment. Every news commentator, every speaker from London, Berlin, Rome, or anywhere else, speaks with a censor and a gun standing over him in front of his microphone! Every dispatch which comes under the ocean, every word that comes by wireless, orginates from three distinct centers, and there is no such thing as the American people knowing right now what awful things are happening in Europe. Infinitely worse than those who have the opportunity of the air in Europe are telling the world. Infinitely worse.

Where is God in all this? By what processes of reason or logical deduction or sequence dare we look up into the face of God and say: 'Are You a live God, or a dead God? Have you any power, or are you a puppet too, that right and innocency and righteousness and truth shall experience these things?'

Now, the more complicated your philosophy of God, the more difficulty you will have. The more simplification you can bring to it by the elimination of inherited prejudices and sometimes the effects of early training, the better

it will be. So, in these moments I am going to try to give you my answer. Not that I have solved the problem of evil, I never can, but I share with those who have given this matter considerable thought, to this extent: If the existence of evil and all of these realities which I have mentioned up until now, if all of these things are inconceivable in a universe directed and controlled by a good God have we gone far enough in our thinking? Is it not true also to reason that the sacrifices, the honor, the justice, the courage, the willingness to die, the heroism of men and women, the nobility of little children, is it a stretch of your fine minds to deduce that if ever evil affirms for you the impotency of God, does not the good in the world likewise affirm the existence of God which, fighting with you and for you and by you in a co-operative effort, YOU AND GOD, will ultimately and finally triumph? It is logical, and to be perfectly logical God to me is not an extraneous person who sits somewhere quite removed from this world, he did not create it and then go away and leave it, it is still in the process of creation. God is evolving still. The universe has never bee ncreated because it has never been created because it in the process of development and becoming. God's full power has never been realized because the only medium through which God can operate is man. God left to himself alone is as helpless as a child. A God who governs by remote control is as helpless as a baby. If your idea of God is that he is sitting somewhere in the habiliments of the sky, walking the floor and pulling his hair because Hitler is winning on earth, then you had better get a new idea of God, for such an idea of God is childish, it is futile, powerless, it is everything in the world that is silly and ridiculous. This is not a conflict between that kind of a God and Hitler, it is a conflict between the eternal persistence of the activating and motivating principle of goodness to meet the resistance of badness and finally win. That is the philosophy which is behind the whole idea of the ultimate triumph of God! That ultimate triumph of God is never a serious consideration to one who accepts God in these terms. **God cannot do a thing to this world without you, not one thing, and God cannot do anything with you until you put yourself in complete harmony with God, and that is what is the matter with the world!** Hitler, who represents to a very true degree an anti-Christ, is so completely depersonalized in his inner consciousness of the reality of good that he becomes a medium for the full expression of the power of evil, and the power of evil under such circumstances, meeting the power of good, must likewise have personality in which it can become articulate. That means that we could find a way, a, way in which the individuals of the world would, through their own cleanliness, and their own living, and their own beauty, and their own strength, and their own power, become the medium through which the good, and the true and the beautiful, which are the attributes of God, could be made articulate in human society, you would never have a world like this! Don't blame God, blame humanity. God alone is helpless; God without man is helpless, man without God is hopeless, God AND man together can finally win every moral victory of the world! Self-realization with God. Are you that kind of a medium? Am I?

In a world where God needs every ally he can find, at the moment, when he is looking at the highly evolving process, winnowing, fanning, threshing out the grain of life between the good and the bad and the intellectual, physical, spiritual, and every way, so sympathetically attuned to the forces of the infinite that all these things can be seen in their true

proportions and estimated for their true values. Not that I should run away from pain, or from being the victim of the plague or the disaster, no, but that in the experience I find my power. That's exactly what has happened to the good who are being persecuted today, they find their power.

Don't lay it on God, don't ever ask yourself again the question 'Why does not God do something?' Don't ever say 'Has God resigned?' never even imply it. God was never as powerful, never as strong, never, as he is today, and evil and evil men all over the world, they may have every airplane and battleship, all the acres of ground, they may kill and slay little children, mutilate the youth of the world, they can do it all. . . . There is at work in the hearts of men another spirit even in nations. Hitler lost the war when the Reverend Martin Niemoeller entered a Nazi jail! The censor lost the war when Martin Luther nailed on the door of Wittenberg his theses! Satan lost the earth when the gentle Seer of Nazareth breathed his last breath on Calvary. You are in a world, ladies and gentlemen, where God, goodness, truth, beauty finally are victorious! Never did I believe it more, and when I see the little puppets with their musical comedy paraphernalia, their funny little moustaches, and their breasts covered with medals until they are round shouldered, where men like puppets kowtow and bow to them, while power and force, submarines and guns take nation after nation—Jugoslovakia, Greece and the Balkans. Now Russia. Russia, in thirty days, will be at war with Germany, and all through that whole Balkan-European mess, what will happen? That will finally prove what I have just said, God is working out the destiny of humanity over the long, treacherous, tortuous, thorny pathway that we must trod, but at the end like old Job, family dead, body putrid with loathsome sores, money gone, taunted by his wife, his children dead, standing on a heap of ashes with a rotting robe over his putrid body, he caught the truth "Though He slay me, yet will I love Him,' and the moment Job found that unity with the reality of God, he was healed, and that is what the world will receive one of these days!

Last Sunday afternoon after this service I was privileged to spend two or three hours with a consul who had just left Italy and who had been appointed now to represent the British in Seattle. He, his wife and two lovely daughters were on their way to his post in Seattle, and that family was torpedoed on the Volendam the first people with whom I have talked that have come out of Europe in the past few days and weeks. He told of a tragic night on the Atlantic, hundreds of miles from shore, a high sea riding, the sky dark and the ship in the dark night in the convoy, then the ship shuddered, trembled, and the Captain ordered everyone to the boats, women and children first, at one o'clock in the morning, and Consul Swan told me there he stood at the rail of the ship and put his wife and two lovely daughters into the lifeboat and watched that boat sink over the side of that ship into the sea. He said, 'Doctor, I could not see whether the boat ever touched the ocean or not, it was so dark, I bade them goodbye, but it found the sea, and do you know', and hot tears came to his eyes, and he told me this in the presence of his wife and daughters, (one of them in college and the other in high school, that they had been all through the bombing of London. Working one day in her garden among the flowers, his wife looked up only to find a plane that literally swooped down into the gardens killing people with a machine gun . . . . IN THEIR GARDENS!) 'And in that

moment', he said, 'I knew that that lifeboat had cleared the ship and gone away. How? That lifeboat filled with women and children who had left their escorts, their husbands, their brothers on the Volendam were singing, singing, as they pulled away in the Atlantic night from the ship.' And I said, 'What were they singing?' And he said: 'I heard, coming up over the foam and the sea, "There Will Always Be An England"!' This family were reunited at the wharf in Scotland.

Was that God at work in human history? Yes! Yes! There will always be God, and God and you are more than can ever be against you."

A SILVER WEDDING

On the twenty-fifth of November, 1915, the young bachelor pastor of The Peoples Church and Miss Grace Wilkins Thayer were married. It was Thanksgiving Day and they decided then to always celebrate their wedding anniversary on that annual holiday, regardless of the changing date; so that all their friends came to think of Dr. and Mrs. Bradley's anniversary as Thanksgiving Day, and few ever even knew the actual date.

Twenty-five years is a long time to look forward, but it is very short to look back upon. Only two are now living who witnessed the wedding which was attended only by relatives, and Dr. Rufus A. White of Englewood married them. He, too, has passed through the portal.

The years have come and gone, with their light and shadow, joys and sorrows, laughter and tears.

To Live — to Laugh — to Love — to Work — and Help — and Play, is a good slogan to carry in the heart, and obviously belongs to Dr. and Mrs. Bradley. An invitation was given from the pulpit in the name of the Trustees of the Church to the friends and members to attend a reception and congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Bradley on their Silver Wedding, November 25th, from eight until eleven o'clock, in Channing Hall. Mr. Walter H. Hermsdorf, President of the board of trustees, and Mrs. Hermsdorf, Mrs. J. J. Reynolds, vice-president of the Church, Mrs. Lee, president of the Woman's Club, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, treasurer and secretary of the Church, and Mrs. Judson, Dr. Bradley's sister, assisted in receiving. The receiving party stood in a bower of palms and white and yellow chrysanthemums, arranged in tall baskets. Mrs. Bradley was gowned in white crepe, embroidered in crystal beads and silver, with corsage of gardenias. Over a thousand persons passed in steady line to shake hands and offer their congratulations. Coffee and cake were served and the Symphonic Trio (piano, violin and cello) played throughout the evening.

A long table at one end of Channing Hall was most artistically arranged and beautiful, bearing as a centerpiece a five-tiered wedding cake, trimmed with silver leaves. At either end of the table were flower arrangements of white "glads" and white "mums", and five-branched silver candlesticks, with tall white candles.

After the line of well-wishers reached an end, and the hall was crowded with those who lingered, Dr. and Mrs. Bradley and the receiving party went over to the table where Mrs. Bradley cut the first piece of cake, after which it was cut into many pieces, each wrapped in a paper napkin and given to the guests to take home.

Mr. Hermsdorf made a short but eloquent speech as he presented in behalf of the Trustees and Allied Organizations of the church, two handsome silver vases in modern design, both inscribed, and one given to each of the Silver Wedding pair, as Mr. Herms-

dorf said: "in true modern fashion, things must be equally divided!" These silver jars were filled with silver dollars, one hundred dollars in each! A silver wedding gift indeed!

Dr. Bradley responded with an intimate little talk, turning back the pages of the years to the time when Miss Thayer was corresponding secretary of the Woman's Club, and he said it took him some time to persuade her to marry him and come over to the north side to live! He expressed their very great appreciation and thanks to everyone who had honored them with this beautiful reception and had had part in the silver gift, which he said would be precious as long as they lived.

Dr. Bradley then introduced Mrs. Bradley and said she must speak for herself, which she did very graciously.

Occasions and attentions such as this, of loyalty and affection, cement the bonds of friendship the closer and make lasting memories to shine through the years.

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THE WOMAN'S CLUB

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As our little magazine goes to press before December makes its bow, this reporter can scarcely foretell the success or the pleasure of programs scheduled to take place during December. But we can tell the Liberalist Readers what the Woman's Club calendar announces for the last month in the year and perhaps give a glimpse of January, that coming events may cast an inviting ray backwards.

First off, on December 2nd The Donation Tea will be held in Channing Hall, with Mrs. Bradley as hostess, assisted by the officers and members of the Woman's Club. There will be a very fine program in which May Barron of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, J. Bradley-Griffin and Philip Jorgensen will be among the artists to be presented.. The express purpose of this affair, as the name would imply, is for everyone who comes to bring a donation for the bazaar! Then on December fifth and sixth the Peoples Church Annual Bazaar will be held all day and evening under the auspices of The Woman's Club. The members have been working a long time for this event, and it is bound to be a success in every way. The Christmas Party for club members will be given the sixteenth, special features of which will be related in the January Liberalist.

Having passed the holidays and turned up the road of the New Year, the Club announces that on January 6th, the Mid-season Tea will be held at the Drake Hotel at 1:30 p.m., when J. Bradley-Griffin, giving a dramatic reading of a modern play, and John Charles Gilbert, Baritone, will be the artists of the afternoon. The Mid-season Tea is always a very special event in the club season and looked forward to by members and their friends. January 13th there will be a New Members' Party, given at 1:00 p.m. in Channing Hall. And the 20th of January will be Reciprocity Day, with the Class in World Affairs meeting at 11:00 in the morning, the subject for discussion being "How the European Countries Came Into Being." Then at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Laura Jean Wilson, Music Chairman, will present Myra Conner Scott, soprano, who will give the musical program, which will be followed by a one-act play presented by Mrs. Ralph Nettland, Drama Chairman, and the cast will be composed of Club members. The play will be directed by Lenore Brown.

The Professional and Business Woman's Club

The Professional and Business Woman's Club is looking with pleasant anticipation toward its Christmas Party on December 23, for this will be the Club's first party of the season. It is hoped that every member will attend. Carols, games and refreshments are planned, and donations will be brought by the members for the Christmas baskets.

On Monday evening, January 13th, Elda Hutton will present a dramatic recital for the club, with music by the Emerson Abernethy Ensemble.

Since the last issue of the Liberalist" many interesting events have taken place. On the evening of October 28th, J. Bradley-Griffin presented in dramatic recital "Richard of Bordeaux", accompanied by Philip Jorgensen. This was one of the highly artistic programs to be presented by the club this year of which it may justly be proud. Even in King Richard's day, as now, he and his Queen, lovers of beauty, were pushed aside and even murdered because of the lust of the warlords. So effectively did Mr. Bradley-Griffin portray the characters that it left his hearers a bit heavy-hearted, for, with a sword-like thrust it made them realize that still, today, beauty is being crushed by ugliness. Truly the drama does "hold the mirror up to nature."

November 4th, the club held a Bazaar Work Night in Hall B, in preparation for the great event of the Church Bazaar, at which this club will have a Parcel Post booth. Beautiful gifts are under way and the mails will be heavy.

On Armistice night, while the worst storm which has visited Chicago in 100 years was still raging, the Debating Society of the American Banking Institute gave a program which will long be remembered in the club for the interest it evoked. Though early in the evening a possible postponement of the meeting had been considered, when at least fifty members and guests appeared, the program proceeded. Mr. Roy E. Peterson of this debating group was moderator, the debate was conducted in excellent style, and the decision was taken by ballot. It was the "old order" against the present day group, three past presidents debating against three of the newer members. The "old order" won the decision, but the "youngsters" put up a most excellent fight. The club owes a hearty vote of thanks to these capable and fine gentlemen both for their talent and their consideration in coming on a night such as it was and doing their utmost for an unusually small audience.

The next event was both changed in character and postponed from the original date set, in favor of the reception tendered to Dr. and Mrs. Bradley. Instead of a Donation Party as originally planned, the Club, after a short business meeting, held a Bazaar Exhibit of the donations brought by the members, and the gifts were priced and wrapped in preparation for the Parcel Post Booth. Many and beautiful were the donations and many, many hands were needed to get them all wrapped and priced. There was opportunity for much visiting and the evening was very pleasurable.

The performance by the Junior Theatre of the Uptown Players, under the direction of Lenore Brown, scheduled for December 9th, had not been given at the time this issue went to press, and will be reported in the January Liberalist. As this will be the first presentation in the club by this group, their performance is looked forward to with great interest. The Junior Theatre's premier presentation, "The Emperor's Clothes", was given in Channing Hall on Saturday, November 30th, and will be repeated on De-

cember 14th, and reported on in the January Liberalist. Judging from that fine performance, the Club may look forward with pleasant anticipation to December 9th.

The club joins with Mrs. Lillian Paynter in mourning the loss of her sister.

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THE BOOK LECTURES

Never have there been finer or larger audiences in attendance at the Wednesday evening Book Lectures, some 1200 people attending the opening lecture on "World's End", by Upton Sinclair. Dr. Bradley has made the following selection of books to be reveiwed in December, there being only three listed, as the fourth Wednesday comes on Christmas Day, when there will of course be no lecture:

Dec. 4—"The Voyage"
by Charles Morgan

Dec. 11—"With Love and Irony"
by Lin Yutang

Dec. 18—"The Heart of a Child"
by Phyllis Bottome

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MEN'S CLUB

The November meeting of the Men's Club was cancelled in favor of the reception tendered Dr. and Mrs. Bradley. The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held in Channing Hall on Monday, December 16th.

The Following Members Were Publicly Welcomed Into The Peoples Church on Sunday, December 1st, 1940:

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Dr. Bradley Kept the Following Engagements During the Month Ending November 15th, 1940:

(Dr. Bradley's engagements, including funerals and weddings, are listed from the 15th to the 15th of each month.)

OCTOBER

16—Radio Address. WGN.
Board Meeting. Peoples Church.
17—Address. Michigan Education Association. Cass High School, Detroit, Mich.
Radio Address. WGN.
18—Address. Arche Club Shoreland Hotel.
Radio Address. WGN.
20—Service. Peoples Church.
Address. Thoburn M. E. Church.
21—Radio Address. WGN.
Address. Hemenway M. E. Church. Evanston.
22—Radio Address. WGN.
Address. P. T. A. Nettlehorst School.
23—Radio Address. WGN.
Address. Auspices Education Committee 9th Dist. I. F. W. C.
24—Radio Address. WGN.
25—Radio Address. WGN.
Address. Memorial Hall. Racine, Wisconsin.
27—Service. Peoples Church.
Address. Central Christian Church. Gary, Indiana.
28—Radio Address. WGN.
Address. Kiwanis Banquet. Gary, Indiana.
29—Radio Address. WGN.
Address. American Legion. Woman's Club Bldg. Highland Park, Ill.
30—Address. Protestant Woman's Service Club. Wedgewood Room. Marshall Field's.
Meeting. Chicago Public Library.
Radio Address. WGN.
31—Address. Wisconsin State Assoc. of Mutual Insurance Companies, Hotel Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wis.
Radio Address. WGN.

NOVEMBER

1—Address. Cook Co. Council American Legion Auxiliary. Morrison Hotel.
Radio Address. WGN.
Address. State Convention I. W. L. A., Elgin, Illinois. Dedication Address for New Club House of Elgin Chapter.
2—Address. Pan - American Council. Auditorium Hotel. Representatives from Brazil and Mexico.
3—Two services. Peoples Church.
4—Radio Address. WGN.
5—Radio Address. WGN.
6—Radio Address. WGN.
Book Lecture Peoples Church.
7—Radio Address. WGN.
Association. Thorne Hall.
Address. Chicago Campus Northwestern University.
8—Two addresses. Teachers' Institute. Morris, Illinois.
Radio Address. WGN.
Address. O'Keefe School P. T. A.
Address. Bryn Mawr Community Church, 25th Anniversary.
10—Two services. Peoples Church.
11—Address. North Center Armistice Day Service.
Radio Address. WGN.
12—Radio Address. WGN.
Address. West Chicago High School, West Chicago, Ill.
13—Radio Address. WGN.
Book Lecture Peoples Church.
Board Meeting. Peoples Church.
14—Address. Outdoor Advertisers' Convention. Drake Hotel.
Radio Address. WGN.
15—Radio Address. WGN.

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Christenings in the Peoples Church

OCTOBER 27th

William Henry Hahnlein, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hahnlein.
Robert J. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry.
Lianne Daryl Feurzeigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feurzeigh.
John Walter Broadhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Broadhead.
Vera Lee Allsbrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dean Allsbrow.

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Weddings

OCTOBER

16—George A. Reynolds and Edith Dalman.
19—Gerald R. Smith and Betty Alexander.
22—Jules E. Jenkins and Shirley Florence.
26—Clifford E. Bryan and Monica Iris Donham.
Irme Molnar and Erna Ziegler.
Joseph M. Dvorak, Jr. and Liberty Bond Petru.
Hans Ohrnbergegr and Ruth Fox.
27—J. Harold Perlberg and Dorothy Berndgen.

NOVEMBER

1—Howard Pitts and Jane Trippen.
2—Louis Platt and Florence Klein.
8—Robert Tufts and Cora Tufts.

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Funerals

OCTOBER

21—Campbell Wallace Mickelberry. Interment, Evergreen Cemetery.
25—William King.
26—Henry C. Brown.
28—Mrs. Elizabeth E. Spamer. Interment, Rosehill Cemetery.
30—J. Webster Hutchinson. Interment, Racine, Wisconsin.

NOVEMBER

2—Mrs. Emma Hemman.
6—Mrs. A. Gruber.
Eric Gerstenberg. Interment, Rosehill.
9—Mrs. Franc Wills. Interment, Acacia Park.
11—David C. Kane. Interment, Irving Park Cemetery.
13—Charles Moody. Interment, Wunder Cemetery.
14—George Moss. Interment, Evergreen Cemetery.

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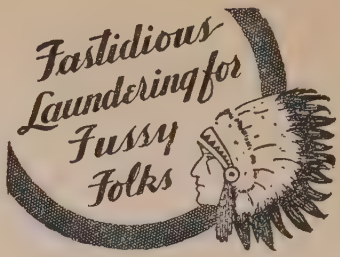

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